

TO: Chairman and Members

DATE: November 18, 2010

**SUBJECT: Tribal Youth Grant Program
Request for Proposals (RFP)
Funding Recommendations**

AGENDA ITEM: E

**ACTION: X
INFORMATION:**

RESOURCE PERSON: Helene Zentner

Summary: This item requests the approval of funding recommendations for the Tribal Youth Grant Program. This recommendation is submitted on behalf of the State Advisory Committee on Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention (SACJJD) and the Tribal Youth Executive Steering Committee (ESC) that aided in the development of the RFP.

Background: In January 2010, the SACJJD approved the submittal of California's 2010 application for Title II Formula Grant funding through the Comprehensive Three-Year State Plan. This plan allocated \$80,000 in funds to support local programs that address Native American juvenile justice issues; subsequently, the SACJJD determined the need to augment this funding for tribal system reform. At its August meeting, the SACJJD approved a new annual funding level of \$240,000 to support two (2) tribal governments in long-term infrastructure development for the purposes of enhancing services to at-risk and system involved youth. At the direction of the SACJJD, an ESC for the RFP process was established with SACJJD member, Gordon Jackson appointed as Chair. The seven member Tribal Youth ESC (Attachment A) convened on July 7, 2010 and was charged with making recommendations on the RFP technical requirements, rating criteria and evaluation process. Additionally, the ESC rated each of the proposals in order to make funding recommendations to the SACJJD and to the Corrections Standards Authority (CSA) Board.

RFP Activities: The RFP for the Tribal Youth Grant Program was released August 16, 2010 with a due date of September 27, 2010. The CSA received six (6) proposals: Mooretown Rancheria, Butte County; Pala Band of Mission Indians, San Diego County; San Pasqual Band of Mission Indians, San Diego County; Sycuan Band of the Kumeyaay Nation, San Diego County; Tule River Indian Reservation, Tulare County; and Yurok Tribe of California, Del Norte County. Staff conducted a technical compliance review to determine if the proposals met the specific RFP requirements for the grant program as recommended by the ESC. After working with applicants to correct identified deficiencies, all of the proposals submitted were forwarded to members of the ESC for evaluation.

CSA staff provided rater training to ESC members based on the rating criteria approved by the SACJJD. The merits of each proposal were subsequently evaluated by the committee members. Following submission of the completed rating forms, staff conducted a conference call on November 5, 2010 with the ESC to discuss the results and subsequently developed funding recommendations. Based on the final ranking of the proposals, the ESC is recommending that the CSA award \$120,000 to each of the following Tribal Governments: Yurok Tribe of California in Del Norte County and Tule River Indian Reservation in Tulare County.

If funding recommendations are approved, the Tribal Youth Grant Program funding will commence on January 1, 2011.

Recommendation/Action Needed: Staff recommends the Board approve the funding recommendations submitted on behalf of the SACJJD and Tribal Youth ESC.